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In re Application of:)
David PASCUAL *et al.*)
Serial No.: 09/068,935) Prior Group Art Unit: 1644
Filed: November 23, 1998) Prior Examiner: Phillip Gabel, Ph.D.
For: **THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC**)
AGENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF)
MICROBIAL INFECTIONS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 31, 2002, the time period for response to which expired January 31, 2002. An extension of time for three months is being filed concurrently, thereby extending the period for response to April 30, 2003. This Amendment and the accompanying declarations are being filed along with a request for a CPA application. Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the table at page 16, line 14, and insert the following table:

--Table 1

Adhesion Molecules Examined Under Shear

Adhesion Molecules Expressed on Optimal Function Conditions